



R

12/22/04

AF/IFW3731

PATENT

Attorney Docket No. 0313-0003.01 (formerly KAP 102 DIV)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Aaron V. Kaplan, et al.

Serial No.: 10/007,364

Filed: November 5, 2001

Group Art No.: 3731

Examiner: Julian W. Woo

For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR  
TRANSPERICARDIAL LEFT  
ATRIAL APPENDAGE CLOSURE

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY "EXPRESS MAIL"**

"Express Mail" Mailing Label No.: EV 459448055 US

Date of Deposit December 21, 2004

I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office Box Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

NAME Renée C. Barthel

SIGNATURE

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE**

This is in response to the Final Office Action of September  
23, 2004.

*Enter  
this response  
JMN  
1-27-05*